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SUBJECT: CONSULTATION OF PORTUGAL

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1. DCM FEBRUARY 3 DISCUSSED POINTS OF CONCERN CITED REFS A & B WITH LA ROCCA (VICE DIRECTOR GENERAL, POLITICAL AFFAIRS) AND TORELLA (OFFICE DIRECTOR, WESTERN EUROPE) OF FONMIN.

2. THEY TERMED SITUATION IN PORTUGAL "CHAOTIC", AND VERY DIFFICULT TO ASSESS. PRIME MINISTER GONCALVEZ HAS BEEN KNOWN TO BE "PLAYING THE COMMUNIST LINE." PROBLEM COMPLICATED BY SPLITS IN AFM WITH, BY THEIR ESTIMATE, ELEVEN MEMBERS OF GROUP OF TWENTY BEING "LEFT" AND THE REMAINING NINE BEING
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"MODERATE". NEVERTHELESS, ITALIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY IS PERSUADED

THAT, AS OF NOW, AFM FULLY INTENDSTO PROCEED WITH ELECTIONS BEFORE THE END OF APRIL.

3. GOI HAS FELT HAMPERED IN PORTUGAL FOR LAST THREE MONTHS IN ABSENCE OF AN AMBASSADOR AND PRESENCE OF A CHARGE WHO HAS ONLY RECENTLY BEGUN TO REPORT IN SOME VOLUME.)LA ROCCA COMMENTED THAT, FOR ALL HIS FAULTS, EX-AMBASSADOR MESSERI'S REPORTING (REF C) HAD TURNED OUT TO BE ADMIRABLE EXERCISE IN POLITICAL PROGNOSTICATION.) WITHOUT AN AMBASSADOR ON THE SPOT, GOI FEELS THERE IS LITTLE IT CAN DO BILATERALLY. HOWEVER, IT CONSIDERING WHAT MIGHT BE DONE THROUGH THE EC NINE AND THE COUNCIL OF EUROPE.

4. ON THE OTHER HAND, LA ROCCA NOTED THAT THERE ARE TIES BETWEEN PORTUGUESE AND ITALIAN POLITICAL PARTIES, AND WE THINK THE CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATS AND SOCIALISTS MIGHT PROVE FRUITFUL CHANNELS FOR SOME DEMOCRATIC MISSIONARY ACTIVITY. COMMENT: EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT ONE OR MORE OF THE THREE ITALIAN WITNESSES (ONE PARLIAMENTARIAN AND TWO PARTY FUNCTIONARIES) TO THE OPORTO IMBROGLIO TO ASSESS THEIR VIEWS AND ASCERTAIN WHETHER THERE MAY BE PLANS FOR TUTURE INTER-PARTY SUPPORT. VOLPE

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